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- I believe I am the original, first and sole/joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on an application for patent entitled: BLOOD FILTER DEVICE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

the	specification	of which:
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a.		is attached hereto; or
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		was amended on (if applicable)

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